

**Prairie PTO
Meeting Minutes**



**PRAIRIE CAMPUS
BARRINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL
PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION**

**Tuesday December 8, 2020
Virtual Zoom Meeting 9:15am**

Call To Order – 9:18am by Aimee Tanking

Secretary Report ~ Stacey Tomczak

- Motion to approve November 2020 PTO Prairie Minutes: Nicole Koviak First; Paige Majewski Second; all in favor; none opposed; none abstained.

Principal Report ~ Travis Lobbins

- Student pictures being taking today, tomorrow and Thursday. Please look at the map that was e-mailed on how to drop off your students.
- Referendum construction – supposed to start around spring break. One story addition of 8 classrooms, no mobiles, HVAC improvements, and increased security. On schedule even in the midst of all that is going on this year.
- Little house on the Prairie land – goal is to use that space for parking lot and traffic flow improvements.
- Current status – where we may be going according to our metrics. Currently about 60 students with high needs, in a special education foundations program, students that need more social emotional support, are in the building.
- Questions?
 - 1 entire seventh grade team is out currently
 - Survey that will come out on December 15th – is this for the full semester or just quarter 3? This decision will be made at the BOE meeting on December 15th.
 - How do the teachers feel about students returning to school? Prairie teachers want normalcy back. For the majority of teachers, they want to be in the building and they want students in the building safely. Handful of teachers (17-30 daily) are at home on medical leave or quarantine. The one struggle is the concurrent teaching.
 - Only change to secondary hybrid plan would be adding Wednesday as an in-person day. Group A goes one week and then group B would go the next week.
 - Working on creative ways to get more students back in the building in the new year.

Assistant Principal Report ~ Jen Ellett

- PSAT testing was cancelled and on hold until January. No remote option. Needs to be done in school (paper and pencil test). Could be pushed off to spring. Will not hinder high school placement. If they are unable to take it for some reason this year, the students will then have the opportunity freshman year.
- Winter MAP testing is currently scheduled to be done during the window of January 11-February 5.

Counselor Representative ~ Brian Turcott

- Grade level counselors are continuing to push out SEL lessons. Kids are attending and interacting.
- All counselors are available. Kids meeting with counselors via google hangouts, zoom, or in-person.
- Attitude of gratitude video.
- B-Strong has been a great resource.
- Question from Rupal Upadhyay: Are counselors able to tap in-to kids individually to get a pulse on what is going on with them individually? Are the lessons happening in small groups? SEL lessons are happening in classroom groups. There are times that breakout rooms are utilized allowing for smaller groups to interact. Trying to provide more opportunities. Parents and students are encouraged to reach out to counselors. Being proactive is always best. Counseling department is working on ways to connect with students.

President Report ~ Aimee Tanking

- Presidents Council
 - referendum updates, vaccination timeline, superintendent search
- Building & Grounds Position
 - Volunteer position is open. Please contact Aimee Tanking if interested.
- Cake Walk/Raffle
 - Going to keep the tradition going this year. Can drop off baked goods (homemade or store bought) anytime Thursday during school hours and Friday morning until 10am.
- Ski Club Update
 - Check Park District website for information.

Second VP ~ Nicole Koviak

- Holiday Teacher Hot Chocolate Cart – Friday December 18th.
 - PTO will be decorating a cart and providing Hot Chocolate and Tea with all the fixings from Panera. Candy canes with a holiday message will be given to the staff as a thank you. Travis and another staff member will take the cart around the building in the afternoon to deliver the goodies.

First VP ~ Alex Rodda

- No Stress Fundraiser Update
 - Chipotle Dine 'n Share – code is YC4474Z to order online – Wednesday, December 16th from 5-9 pm @ Deer Park
- Amazon Smile - phone or computer, doesn't work on iPad
- Heinen's – Just had a system update – NEED to update your account to choose your school.
- Script Gift Card Sales – shopwithscrip.com when go to website, join a program, enrollment code: 446LBF6674745 – charging a small fee (\$1 for first gift card, \$.50 for each additional card)

Treasurer Report ~ Chris Bradley

- Budget Update
 - Income
 - Have not received Oct/Nov dues
 - \$715 from Heinen's for the 2019-2020 school year
 - \$19.85 from the MOD Pizza Dine and Share
 - Expenses
 - \$294 for Welcome Back Sign for in-person days
 - \$1334 Fall conference dinner
- Forms can be found on the PTO website

Community Events

Old Business

New Business

- Next PTO meeting Tuesday, January 12th at 9:15am

Adjourn – 10:26am

Respectfully submitted,
 Stacey Tomczak
 Prairie PTO Secretary
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